

Latest Project Summary - Motupiko

Feasibility Studies Into Water Augmentation for the Motupiko Catchment 05/070 – Progress to 31 October 2006

The project continues to progress well since the June 2006 reporting round. The consultants have completed the further refinement to the irrigability suitability assessment for the Motupiko Catchment. Further work on the storage site options assessment has been completed and there is now a shortlist of four suitable storage sites i.e. two up the Rainy River sub-catchment and another two up the Upper Motupiko Catchment. The MCWAC involved iwi, DoC and Fish & Game representatives in a further site visit to the four short listed sites. Inputs from the trip are being used by Landcare Research (LCR) and Tonkin & Taylor to better define storage size, conceptual dam structure, and best water delivery mechanism. The further details for each site are to be summarised for consideration by MCWAC for a scheduled landowners meeting in February 07. Landcare Research with Fish and Game and Doc has also carried out qualitative assessment of instream issues in the short listed sites as well as the overall Motupiko River. Iwi have also been involved in carrying out a catchment generic cultural assessment on water augmentation for the area. All other aspects of the project are progressing well. All the MCWAC newsletters are available from all Tasman District Council offices for any interested parties to pick up. Details of the project including the newsletters are also available on the Tasman District Council website:

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